

**Subpart 25.10—Navigation Lights**

SOURCE: USCG-1999-6580, 66 FR 55091, Nov. 1, 2001, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 25.10-1 Applicability.**

This subpart applies to vessel manufacturers, distributors, and dealers installing navigation lights on all uninspected commercial vessels, except those completed before November 7, 2002.

**§ 25.10-2 Definitions.**

As used in this subpart:

*Dealer* means any person who is engaged in the sale and distribution of vessels to purchasers who the seller in good faith believes to be purchasing any such vessel for purposes other than resale.

*Distributor* means any person engaged in the sale and distribution of vessels for the purpose of resale.

*Manufacturer* means any person engaged in:

- (1) The manufacture, construction, or assembly of vessels, or
- (2) The importation of vessels into the United States for subsequent sale.

*Navigation lights* are those lights prescribed by the Navigation Rules (Commandant Instruction 16672.2 series) to indicate a vessel's presence, type, operation, and relative heading.

**§ 25.10-3 Navigation light certification requirements.**

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, each navigation light must—

- (1) Meet the technical standards of the applicable Navigation Rules;
- (2) Be certified by a laboratory listed by the Coast Guard to the standards of ABYC A-16 (incorporated by reference, see §25.01-3), or equivalent, although portable battery-powered lights need only meet the requirements of the standard applicable to them; and
- (3) Bear a permanent and indelible label stating the following:
  - (i) "USCG Approval 33 CFR 183.810"
  - (ii) "MEETS \_\_\_\_." (Insert the identification name or number of the standard under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, to which the light was type-tested.)

(iii) "TESTED BY \_\_\_\_." (Insert the name or registered certification-mark of the laboratory listed by the Coast Guard that tested the fixture to the standard under paragraph (a)(2) of this section.)

(iv) Name of Manufacturer.

(v) Number of Model.

(vi) Visibility of the light in nautical miles (nm).

(vii) Date on which the light was type-tested.

(viii) Identification of bulb used in the compliance test.

(b) If a light is too small to attach the required label—

(1) Place the information from the label in or on the package that contains the light; and

(2) Mark each light "USCG" followed by the certified range of visibility in nautical miles, for example, "USCG 2nm." Once installed, this mark must be visible without removing the light.

**Subpart 25.25—Life Preservers and Other Lifesaving Equipment**

SOURCE: CGD 72-172R, 38 FR 8117, Mar. 28, 1973, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 25.25-1 Application.**

This subpart applies to each vessel to which this part applies, except:

- (a) Vessels used for noncommercial use;
- (b) Vessels leased, rented, or chartered to another for the latter's noncommercial use;
- (c) Commercial vessels propelled by sail not carrying passengers for hire; or
- (d) Commercial barges not carrying passengers for hire.

**§ 25.25-3 Definitions.**

As used in this subpart:

(a) *Approved* means approved under subchapter Q of this chapter.

(b) *Use* means operate, navigate, or employ.

**§ 25.25-5 Life preservers and other lifesaving equipment required.**

(a) No person may operate a vessel to which this subpart applies unless it meets the requirements of this subpart.

(b) Each vessel not carrying passengers for hire, less than 40 feet in